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For: CADMIUM NEGATIVE ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE  
BATTERY AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, applicants request the examiner to consider the three non-English documents listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449.

Each of these documents is identified and discussed in applicants' specification.

Also attached is a concise explanation of the relevance of each document (MPEP §609A(3)).

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Please return to the undersigned a copy of the attached PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials in the left column [MPEP § 609] with the next communication.

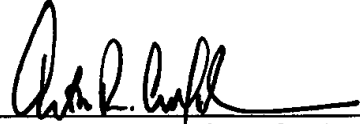
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